

## THE WEAL - OF - EMPIRE CONCLAVE.

### PREMIERS GATHER TO-MORROW.

#### MR. BALDWIN TO REVEAL HIS PARIS SECRET. OUR UNEMPLOYED.

#### CANADA'S LEADER ON TRADE BOOM AND NEED OF SETTLERS.

To-morrow sees the opening of the momentous Imperial Conference, at which the Prime Ministers of the British Empire are to tackle political and economic questions of vast importance.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin will preside, and, in welcoming the Dominion statesmen at Downing Street, will deal with the main issues of Imperial policy, and will outline the more acute problems of foreign politics.

It is expected that he will make special references to Entente relationships and German reparations, on which the view of the Empire's Premiers is being sought. He will reveal the secret of the famous Paris conversations with M. Poincare and their real significance.

THE 1923 Imperial Conference will assemble in the Cabinet Room, 10 Downing-street, at 11 a.m. to-morrow.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, who will take the chair, will make a long statement on various aspects of Imperial policy and on the more critical problems of the moment.

It is stated that Mr. Baldwin's speech will not be in any way dramatic.

He has decided to place all the cards concerning reparations on the table, and to await the voice of the Dominions' representatives.

All the chief delegates to the conference, with the exception of Mr. Bruce, the Australian Premier, are now in London.

President Cosgrave, of the Irish Free State, Mr. Deane, Minister of External Affairs, and Mr. McGrath, Minister of Commerce, are among the latest arrivals.

All Cabinet Ministers are expected to be present to-morrow. When the Premier is absent at Cabinet meetings the Duke of Devonshire will preside over the Imperial Conference.

It is not anticipated that any decisions of prime importance will be made this week. Mr. Baldwin has given a promise to that effect to Mr. Bruce, particularly regarding the questions in which Australia is interested.

#### LABOUR AND MONEY.

#### THE TWO CARDINAL NEEDS OF CANADA.

Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Premier, on his arrival at Euston yesterday afternoon, had a very cordial reception.

In an interview, Mr. Mackenzie King said he came to the Conference with an open mind.

Relations between Canada and the rest of the Empire, he said, could not be happier.

Mr. King told Reuter at Liverpool, earlier in the day, that "Canadians have noted with pride the splendid efforts which Great Britain has been making to overcome the ravages of war on her trade and financial and her social structure."

"We realize that in the British Isles there are still serious problems of trade recovery and unemployment to face, but without doubt they will be solved by the patient and indomitable courage and initiative characteristic of the British people."

Canada has also had to face a period of difficult readjustment.

Fortunately we have now well turned the corner. Production and trade are again running high. Last year Canada was the world's foremost exporter of wheat. This year her crop of wheat and her crop of barley and oats as well is the largest in her history.

The inexhaustible rich mineral areas of Northern Ontario and Quebec, as well as of the far West, are being protected and developed vigorously, and

with success, and this year mineral production is higher by 40 per cent. than last year. Canada is now the third gold-producing country in the world.

"In the past year our paper and pulp exports alone ran well over £40,000,000. Our trade with Great Britain, both import and export, is going ahead rapidly. Building has been more active than in any year since 1912."

#### STREAM OF EMIGRANTS.

#### MR. KING AND THE STRANDED BRITISH HARVESTERS.

"The steady revival of industry is marked not only in greatly improved trade figures, but in the fall of unemployment to the lowest level of three years."

"At the same time, immigration is reviving."

"Canada wants in the largest measure that her farms and industries can absorb men and women of British stock. She needs, however, capital as well as settlers. To find opportunity for new thousands of men, millions of money are required. The capital is coming, but not as much of it from Great Britain as we could desire."

Asked if there was any room for unskilled men in Canada, Mr. Mackenzie King said: "If a man is unskilled because he is a defective or a delinquent we do not want him any more than you do here; but if he is unskilled through lack of employment and is ready to work, there is no reason why in Canada he should not become skilled."

Replying to a question regarding allegations as to British harvesters being stranded, the Premier expressed the conviction that those who were ready and willing to work would have no difficulty in getting positions in Canada. There might be individual acts of injustice or hardship, but he was sure they were individual, and if they were brought to the notice of the Government, the latter would follow them up.

#### BULGARIA QUIET.

#### TROOPS CHASING FLYING COMMUNISTS

Sofia, Saturday. A semi-official statement says that after the town of Ferdinandov had been occupied by troops two parties of Communists took to flight, the first towards the north and the second towards the west.

Strong detachments of soldiers are following hard on the heels of the fugitives, and their capture is imminent.

Except for this incident order has been re-established throughout the whole kingdom.—Reuter.

#### TO STOP EVIL LITERATURE.

#### Home Office Campaign against Foreign Corruptors.

"The People" learns that the Home Office campaign against the flood of indecent literature now being brought into England is about to begin.

Revelations at the Old Bailey show that the evil is widespread. Both books and pictures of a vile type are being sent, chiefly from Germany. Profits from this traffic are substantial, and those engaged in it do not hesitate to take risks.

Conferences to discuss the most effective methods of procedure have been suggested of late.

### AUCTION ROMANCE OF RARE CHINA.

#### EXPERT'S FIND.

PIECE WORTH THOUSANDS BOUGHT FOR £157.

"Lot 620: Dresden china group of female figure with lion, pink and gilt decoration, scroll-shaped base, flowers in relief, and apple green and gilt stand for same 31 inches high."

Thus modestly, on the whole, an auctioneer's catalogue "featured" a piece which Mr. Albert Amor, the well-known antiquary, who secured it for 150 guineas, values at some thousands of pounds.

This choice piece of "Dresden" represents "Una and the Lion," and is



Una and the Lion, the wonderful China figure.

believed by experts to be one of the finest examples of Chelsea ware in existence. It belongs to the "Red Anchor" period of 1760, and has been reviewed by Chubb and Litchfield in their books on china.

"Una and the Lion" was originally in the T. J. Thompson collection, afterwards passing into the possession of Lady Lionel Phillips. Its subsequent history is blank till it re-appeared in a "house" sale at Chesterfield gardens, Mayfair, and so fell to Mr. Amor.

This is the second victory of discrimination brought off by the famous connoisseur, who in 1920 bought for £600 guineas the "Dudley" vase, then on the point of being dispersed. The vase was subsequently valued at two or three times the amount realized.

#### TURKEY PAYS UP.

#### £500,000 REPARATIONS FOR BRITISH SUFFERERS.

Good news for British subjects who sustained losses through the military operations of Turkey during the war or through the fighting, terminated by the Treaty of Lausanne is contained in a letter addressed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to Sir Edwin Stockton, M.P., who has been forward in pressing the matter upon the Government.

The Minister points out that losses sustained since the coming into force of the Treaty with Germany on Jan. 10, 1920, cannot be compensated from the fund distributed on the recommendation of Lord Sumner's Royal Commission, but adds:

"Apart from that under Article 25 of the Treaty of Lausanne Turkey renounces all claims to certain sums in gold which are in the possession of the Allies and amount, as it happens, to about the same sum, viz., £5,000,000, and it is proposed to devote these funds to grants to Allied subjects who have repatriation claims against Turkey. The idea is to constitute a joint repatriation fund for all Allied subjects to be distributed by a Special Inter-Allied Commission in proportion to the claims as assessed by that Commission, but we are still corresponding with our Allies as to the details of these arrangements."

#### MINISTERIAL CAMPAIGN.

The autumn platform campaign of the Government opens next month. The Prime Minister will speak at Plymouth on Oct. 25, and at Swansea on Oct. 27.

His other speeches will be at Manchester, Nov. 2, and at Glasgow, Nov. 25.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Sir William Dawson-Bleby, Mr. C. W. Bridge, and Sir Samuel Hoare are a few of the other members of the Government who have arranged extensive programmes.

### OVATION FOR PAPYRUS.

#### "AT HOME" ON THE AQUITANIA.

#### PADDED VAN TRIP.

#### 'SNAPPY' CONDITION

PAPYRUS, the famous Derby winner, who has been matched against America's best three-year-old in a race to take place on October 20, landed in New York from the Aquitania at 9 a.m. yesterday, amid enthusiastic cheers from a crowd composed largely of Englishmen, and was taken to his quarters at Belmont Park in a special padded van.

Although showing some signs of nervousness, due probably to the ovation, Papyrus appeared to be in good condition, and Mr. Basil Jarvis, his trainer, expressed himself as confident that the colt will be in perfect health by the date of the race (says a Reuter message.)

On the night preceding the landing the Derby winner held a special reception in his quarters on the Aquitania, when many prominent American sportsmen thronged to the ship to admire him and his stable companion Bar Gold.

They saw a snappy-looking animal which, under the electric lights, looked more black than bay. Its bright, cheerful eyes testified to the accuracy of Mr. Jarvis's statement that the colt was in perfect health, while the same authority assured anxious inquirers that the colt on the hind leg which Papyrus sustained in the St. Leger had healed perfectly.

Mr. Jarvis added that the colt had not escaped the rigours of the sea journey, and was off its feed early in the voyage owing to the extremely rough weather experienced during the first two days out. With the abatement of the storm, however, Papyrus recovered satisfactorily.

During the trip hundreds of passengers daily visited Papyrus, and Mr. Jarvis had hard work on his hands to keep them from killing the horse through acts of kindness, such as feeding him with sweetmeats, biscuits and ice cream.

Each day Ted Banham, the exercise boy, rode Papyrus inside his fifteen foot square stall, and, despite the cramped quarters, the colt seemed to enjoy his exercise.

#### TOO SACRED FOR HOARDINGS.

#### BILLPOSTERS BAN PICTURE OF CHRIST.

A poster depicting the white-robed figure of Christ towering above the outlines of Islington Parish Church and the town hall is not to be allowed to appear on billposters' hoardings.

The Vicar of Islington states that the Billposters' Association have considered the poster too sacred a subject for the hoardings.

It was specially designed in connection with the coming mission of Islington churches and chapels.

#### FAIR FARES FIGHT.

#### Travellers' Association Prepares To Go "Over the Top."

The National Association of Railway Travellers announces that objections to every proposed passenger rate in the schedule lodged by the railway companies are being prepared in consultation with one of the most eminent leading counsel, and that it is hoped to retain his services to support these objections before the Tribunal.

Subscriptions to the "Fair Fares Fund" are flowing in steadily, the association states, which suggests that every local authority should entrust to the association and the experts whom it is retaining, the general conduct of their cases.

#### DUKE'S VISIT TO SERBIA.

The Duke of York will leave England about Nov. 12 for his visit to Serbia to represent the King at the christening of the son and heir of King Alexander. The date of the christening has not yet been fixed, but it will probably take place on Nov. 16, the eve of the marriage of Prince Paul of Serbia.



General inference: The anti-cyclone will maintain fair, quiet, warm weather for the next day or two over most of the British Isles, with some mist or fog at times. In the North, however, dull periods with local drizzle are probable.

London: E. England: Light drizzle, mainly from E. & S.W. (fair, mist or fog at times); rather high day temperature.

W. England: W. England: Dull, with rain at times; rather high day temperature.

Further Outlook: Fine over England with rather high day temperature; outlook uncertain elsewhere.

### LEFT HOME ON EVE OF ADVENTURE.

#### RUNAWAY GIRL.

#### SHOCK FOR PARENTS ON SAILING FOR CANADA.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee, formerly of Ccombe Vale-ave., Teignmouth, sailed for Canada yesterday in distressing circumstances and without their daughter Olive.

On the eve of their departure they received the following note: "By the time you get this letter I shall be miles away." That is the last that has been heard of Miss Lee.

The distracted parents and grandparents, who are also seeking a new home across the sea, made every search, and the services of the town crier were enlisted, but without result. The girl has no relatives to whom she would be likely to go, and the cause of her sudden disappearance is a mystery.

#### FIRE AFTER CRASH.

#### TWO BODIES TAKEN FROM CHARRIED AEROPLANE.

Flight-Lieut. Edward Bernard Coventry, of Fovant Rectory, Salisbury, and Corporal William Wardle, of Tenth-street, Trafford Park, Manchester, were killed in an aeroplane crash at Spittlegate aerodrome, Grantham, shortly before noon yesterday.

The machine had just taken off when, at a height of about 50ft., it nose-dived. The petrol tank then burst and the petrol caught fire.

Both bodies were badly burnt. Apparently they were killed before the machine caught fire.

#### WITH MAILS FOR LONDON.

Amsterdam, Saturday. At six o'clock to-night an aeroplane of the Deutsche Aero Lloyd made a forced landing near Baarn, Holland, owing to engine trouble.

The machine was carrying one passenger and mail for London. Help has been sent, but the aeroplane will probably not be able to proceed until to-morrow.—Central News.

#### FATAL PETROL FUMES.

#### DOCTOR WARNS PUBLIC OF CAR DANGER.

One per cent. of carbon monoxide gas in the atmosphere would kill human beings in ten minutes.

There is carbon monoxide in the fumes from the exhaust of motor cars. The public should know these things.

These facts were stated yesterday by Dr. Barker at an inquest on Mr. Samuel Wesley Britton (40), boot manufacturer, son of Mr. G. B. Britton, formerly M.P. for East Bristol.

Mr. Britton was found dead sitting in a motor-car in a garage, which was full of exhaust petrol fumes.

Carbon monoxide suffocation was the cause of death, said the doctor.

#### CHARABANC'S MAXIMUM WIDTH

#### Proprietor of Vehicle Loses Important Case.

A case of considerable importance to charabanc owners was heard at Lyme Regis Petty Sessions when George Bonfield, motor-car proprietor, of Bridport, was summoned for allowing a charabanc to be driven in Lyme Regis with a width exceeding 7ft. 2in.

It was stated that the charabanc was 11ft. 5in. in excess of that allowed by the Act. The chairman said as it was Bonfield's first offence, the bench would only impose a nominal fine of £1.

Bonfield: What does this mean? It will affect not only me, but hundreds of other people.

### THE IRON RULE IN GERMANY.

#### MUNICH JOURNAL SUPPRESSED.

#### FRANCE SUSPICIOUS.

#### POINCARÉ'S TERMS.

Under her dictators Germany for the present remains quiet, but the fears of an outburst have not been entirely allayed.

French suspicion of the "cease resistance" order remains, and the belief is held that the reparations battle may be continued in another guise.

Dr. Gessler, the Minister of Defence, has suppressed till further notice the Munich newspaper the "Voelkischer Beobachter," which voices the views of the Herr Hitler and the Bavarian National Socialists.

The reason for the suppression (says Reuter) is probably that the paper attributed to Herr von Kahr, Bavaria's dictator, the statement that he "would very soon probably allow the proclamation of a monarchy in Bavaria."

Questioned in regard to this statement, von Kahr merely declared that his personal attitude towards a monarchy was well known and that he had no time to trouble himself about newspaper reports.

The speech which M. Poincaré is to make to-day at Ailly will be particularly important in view of the developments of the past week. The diplomatic correspondent of the Havas agency learns that M. Poincaré will define the conditions by which the effective cessation of passive resistance will be recognised.

These conditions, which must be fulfilled before France will negotiate with Germany regarding reparations, are, firstly, the restoration of normal work in the occupied territories as it existed before the occupation of the Ruhr; and secondly, the resumption of deliveries in kind.

#### MUSSOLINI AGAIN.

#### NEW DEMAND TO THE FASCISTA PARTY.

All is not well with the internal working of the Fascisti.

Following the resignation of the Secretariat of the party—which it is suggested is a sequel to jealousy existing between local leaders—Signor Mussolini (says Reuter) has demanded the resignation of all the members of the executive committee.

A message from Paris states that the Conference of Ambassadors has authorised the Swiss National Bank to hand over to Italy the £500,000 deposited there on the 20th inst. by the Greek National Bank pending a decision on the question of the Janina murders.

The Greek Government, however, protest that the fine has produced a painful impression, especially as the Greek Government and people based their confidence on a spirit of justice among the great powers and as three out of four of their representatives thought Greece was not directly responsible for the crime.

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## HOUSING STORMS AHEAD.

### BUILDERS TOO QUICK FOR WHITEHALL.

Storms are blowing up for the Government directly the House meets, over aspects of the Housing Bill.

Two outstanding grievances are:—  
The refusal of some of the local authorities to sponsor any schemes under the Act.

The keen disappointment of private builders who started—directly the Ministry of Health issued its now famous circular of April 27—to construct dwellings of the approved type and who now find that, having failed to wait for the official approval of Whitehall—they are not entitled to the subsidy or to anything.

A number of Councils, feeling that any approved erection means an increased rate, will have none of it. They will not build themselves and they will not permit private builders to do so with any hope of obtaining the subsidy. Under the Act (writes a political correspondent) the local authorities were "permitted" to put in force the Act, but they were not compelled to do so, even if the need was admittedly great.

The risk was pointed out to Mr. Neville Chamberlain, but he declared that Parliament could not exercise compulsory powers on self-governing institutions.

As regards the second point the circular of April 27 simply said:—

The Ministry is prepared forthwith to consider schemes where local authorities are able to make arrangements with private builders on the basis of the Bill being passed.

The Ministry also said it "proposed to leave the details of schemes entirely within the discretion of the local authorities," and urged expedition.

On this hundreds of private builders sent in their plans to the local authorities, which passed them and then operations were started. But because the local authorities did not send up the plans to Whitehall there is no subsidy for the all-too-patriotic private builders.

Possibly Sir William Joynson-Hicks will now get to work and save the situation by seeing that justice is done to these small builders.

## IMMORTAL ISAAC.

"What's your name?" a solicitor asked a witness at Grimsby.  
"Isaac Walton," was the reply.  
"Dear me," commented the lawyer, recalling the author of "The Compleat Angler." "I thought you were dead!"

## MASTER-MIND OF LONDON'S ARSON BRIGADE.

### BOLSHIE GANG WHO MADE FORTUNES BY FIRE-RAISING.

By the sentence to penal servitude at the Old Bailey of three aliens—Joseph Engelstein (5 years), Bernard Stolerman (5 years), and Julius Brust (4 years)—London has lost the most formidable fire-raising gang it has ever known.

With Engelstein as the master-mind, the gang are believed to have caused 300 fires in the East End of London, and to have cheated insurance companies of at least £200,000. They usually received about 20 per cent. of the insurance money.

In his nefarious business Engelstein used a secret compound that left no trace of incendiaryism.

The sentences passed at the Old Bailey on Engelstein, Stolerman and Brust are to be followed by deportation. All three are Russians.

C.I.D. men are following up clues which are expected to lead to the arrest of a number of accomplices.

Engelstein, who has long been known to the police as one of the most sinister figures in the criminal world of the East End, has an astonishing history.

He is a man who industrialised arson, and is reputed to have made a fortune of £50,000 out of his crimes. Bogus burglaries was one of his sidelines, and occasionally he led a gang on genuine safe robberies.

For three years he "stage managed" fires in the East End of London at the rate of two or three a week. He employed an agent to arrange terms with East End cabinet-making firms who were hard hit by the slump in the furniture trade.

"I will fire your premises while your workmen are on duty, and never a soul will know," was the boast Engelstein made openly to the dealers for whom he was working.

Engelstein would not handle an undertaking unless he was satisfied that not only was the property to be fired insured heavily in the ordinary way against fire, but also that it was insured "consequently" at Lloyd's against loss of profit.

SECRET COMPOUND.  
He charged for his services on a sliding scale which fluctuated according to the amount of the insurance policy. Sometimes he accepted as little as £100; at other times his demands ran into four figures.

The London fire insurance offices, at a modest estimate, have been plundered of £200,000. Impartial estimates put the figure much higher; three large offices are known to be poorer by £50,000 each by the fire losses on East End properties.

The insurance agents could search

among the ruins as they liked—there was nothing to excite suspicion of arson—nothing except the amazing frequency of the fires.

Engelstein had a compound that left no trace of incendiaryism. With the help of a chemist, whose identity is now known to the police, he had prepared a mixture of petrol and another substance which is being kept secret.

## LIVED IN STYLE.

Week after week the fires continued. The Fire Brigade was suspicious but in each case could find no definite proof of incendiaryism. Nor could the police obtain evidence. And all the time Engelstein was becoming richer and richer.

Superintendent Wensley, the senior detective at Scotland Yard, decided to take a hand in the game. Three other experienced C.I.D. men were called in, besides a number of divisional officers. The bait was carefully prepared. A detective, who posed as a factory owner in the Midlands, approached Engelstein, who offered—on terms—to arrange a fire or a bogus burglary.

Engelstein was invited into an office to discuss plans. He fell into the trap, little suspecting that a dictaphone was recording all that was spoken.

From the proceeds of his many fires Engelstein had bought a luxuriously furnished house at Amhurst Park, where he lived with his wife and six children.

Stolerman and Brust were also living in affluence on their spoils.

It is now possible to record Engelstein's hand in a mysterious burglary that occurred a few years ago at a furniture maker's house on the South Coast.

A few days before the "burglary" this friend's wife went on a round of visits to her acquaintances, heavily jewelled, obviously to secure evidence of the existence and value of the jewellery.

Later, in the absence of the entire family, the "burglary" was committed. (Continued in next column)

## THE LIGHT-MAKERS' ROMANCE.

### BRILLIANT RESULTS OF HAPPY CHANCE.

The modern incandescent gas-mantle is the result of an accident. A humble Austrian chemist, afterwards Baron Auer von Welsbach, was experimenting with rare earths when he observed a minute spark glowing like a star under the flame of a blow-pipe.

Thus were discovered the wonderful light-emitting properties of thorium and cerium, which are embodied in the world-famed Welsbach incandescent mantle of to-day. The secret process of its manufacture has been rigorously guarded, but a visit to the up-to-date factory of the Welsbach Light Company at Wandsworth at least reveals that the mantles are made in ideal conditions.

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For many years cotton was employed as the fabric of the mantles, but the best fibres of ramie, rhea, or China grass are used in the majority of the knitting machines which shape the mantle in its earliest stage. There is a growing demand for mantles woven in silk. The yarn is knitted into tubes, washed in nitric acid, dried, and dipped in lighting fluid.

It is then passed through various deft fingers, cut, topped and shaped, fixed to the clay ring, branded, sewn, and shaped.

When finished the mantle is brittle. It is strengthened in a bath of collodion.

The smallest mantle is one inch and five-eighths long; the largest is 11 inches.

The Welsbach company are the largest producers of mantles in the country.

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mitted. When the family returned it was reported that the safe had been drilled and the jewels stolen.

Police investigation, however, revealed that the door of the safe was obviously open before the drilling commenced.

Evidence was secured showing that on the day of the occurrence Engelstein and Stolerman hired a cab to take them to and from a spot near the house. They were carrying a heavy bag, which they refused to allow the cabman to handle.

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## WISDOM AND FOLLY IN FOOD PRESERVATIVES.

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## COMPANY MEETING.

## BRITISH CELLULOSE &amp; CHEMICAL MANUFACTURING CO.

## CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE.

**P**RESENTING at the meeting of the British and Chemical Manufacturing Co., Ltd., at the Cannon-st. Hotel, E.C., Mr. Harry McGowan, K.B.E., said:—

"I would remind you that at the last annual general meeting it was made quite clear that the result for the period now under review could not be satisfactory, and in the circumstances I do not think the loss, actually due to trading, is worse than was expected. But the following reasons, amongst others, should be present to your minds in any consideration of that result."

During that period our processes of manufacture in almost every direction were undergoing changes, not only with the object of improving the quality of our material, but also with the object of cheapening cost. All our expenditure in this connection has been charged to revenue.

Those of you who have practical knowledge of the running of a factory, particularly of a plant engaged in producing some of the most difficult of the products of the chemical industry, will appreciate the difficulties of endeavouring to keep up a steady rate of commercial output simultaneously with a keen and continuous battle against constructional and technical problems from day to day.

Towards the end of this period we saw the fruits of the intensive efforts made by our chemists and engineers, and since the beginning of the present financial year, as indicated in the report, we have not made losses but have made profits each month sufficient to cover all charges, including Debenture interest, but without regard to depreciation.

As to depreciation of the fixed assets of the Company, it is impossible to ascertain the reasonable amount which should be provided for this purpose, which is the subject of a valuation of these assets. It is not proposed to have such a valuation at present, but to build up out of profits, with due regard to the interests of the shareholders, a substantial and increasing reserve which in time will be adequate.

**FRESH CAPITAL.**

Since the date of our balance sheet, as the report states, further money has been raised, and to some of you present to-day I dare say this recent increase in our Bond indebtedness calls for explanation.

Many discussions took place as to how best we could meet the extension of our capital. In these discussions we again placed all the facts of the Company's position and prospects, as we saw them before Mr. D. H. Drury, Director, and the final result was that the British Cellulose and Chemical Manufacturing Co., Ltd., agreed to take up a further £400,000 of Debentures.

While H.M. Government have no responsibility in connection with the decisions of the policy approved by your Board, they do not and should not grant the consent to the increased Debenture issue and the terms upon which it was arranged.

To what has that money been devoted? We have completed the extension of our numerous manufacturing Departments so that to-day Dr. Henry Drury assures me that our production of 4 to 5 tons per day according to the varieties of yarn required by the trade.

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an idea why we consider your silk is at least equal and in many respects superior to other artificial silks, and why it even surpasses natural silk in certain qualities.

Celanease, which is the basic name of our product, is an excellent insulator for electricity and for heat and cold. Up to the present, natural silk has been considered the best insulator from both points of view. It has now been proved, however, by tests made by various authorities that Celanease is superior in its electrical insulating properties than natural silk. We are fully alive to the possibilities from the electrical point of view, but I will only say here that the con-conducting qualities have a special value in the textile industry, especially in clothing.

The water-repelling character of Celanease means that its washing properties are superior to those of any other artificial silk. You will no doubt have heard that Celanease, generally improves with washing. In our opinion it is the nearest approach to natural silk in appearance and lustre. Furthermore, it has a great advantage over natural silk in tropical countries.

The other conditions in these countries often destroy natural silk, and this especially due to a large amount of loading material which is put into the silk, and which is decomposed eventually, and the same applies in England, though to a less extent. It is certain that when you do examine them you will realise what we have said and stimulated your Board, knowing the enormous interest involved in all the difficulties and criticism.

**THE QUESTION OF DIVIDENDS.**

If any one thinks that I have been exaggerating the beauty of our fabric, they can test it for themselves if they will go to the office of Mr. W. A. Watson, and examine our samples, or will take the opportunity of looking at the fabrics at the British Empire Exhibition, in a display which is the nearest approach to natural silk in appearance and lustre. Furthermore, it has a great advantage over natural silk in tropical countries.

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At our last meeting you were told of the difficulties we had experienced, and the point that had been reached. Since that time much has been done, and we have arrived at a stage when our technical advisers believe they are able to produce any colour, shade or standard degree of fastness, as required.

Before reaching this stage, however, a new kind of difficulty arose, viz.: that we were employing for the purpose a large variety of dyestuffs taken from different sources, each of which was satisfactory in itself but which, when combined for the purpose of producing fashion shades, were antagonistic one to the other, so that unless they were used in combination with exacting care, the results were always liable to give rise to trouble even by ordinary dyeing methods.

Therefore, although the Company could dye satisfactorily at the present time, we have completed the extension of our capital, and the final result was that the British Cellulose and Chemical Manufacturing Co., Ltd., agreed to take up a further £400,000 of Debentures.

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## FINANCE FOR THE PEOPLE. ATTRACTIVE TIN AND ARGENTINE LAND SHARES—GOOD CEYLON TEA DIVIDENDS.

(By Our City Representative.)

At 12s. 6d., is in arrears since October 1, 1922.

During the past week the price of Tin has crossed the double century again in pounds sterling per ton, and closes not far below it. There are two factors accounting for this. The first is the commencement of the American demand for canisters purposes, and the second is buying by Japan for reconstruction purposes. The former of these demands is expected to be fairly heavy. In the circumstances more attention has been devoted lately to the shares of tin producing companies, and there is talk in the market of several of these going higher.

Among them may be mentioned, of the Malayan descriptions, Gopeng and South Borneo, while of the Nigerian issues those spoken well include Anglo-Continental, Mopu, and Mongu. It must be recognised, of course, that purchases of any of them should be regarded as speculative, but such shares, if the market for a fair profit to buyers.

**NITRATE SHARE ACTIVITY.**

The market for Nitrate shares ordinarily is a somewhat restricted one and conditions vary rapidly between those of extreme activity and strength to utter quietude. That being the case it is not easy to remember the conditions of the market previously to the rapid capital appreciation, although that might accrue. At the same time some shares of the cheap-dividend companies can be bought to return quite satisfactory yields, and the outlook for them is considered good because of the marked changes for the better that have overtaken the industry.

Recently, as has been noted in this column already, the demand for the fertiliser, after having been more or less in abeyance for some time, came on with a rush and prospects of the continuance of a considerable demand are reflected in the decision of several companies to open official previously closed. Generally, it is anticipated that profits for current accounting periods will be higher than before, and that with them dividends will increase.

These considerations have caused buying of shares like Lautaro, New Tanager, and others which are likely to participate in any further rise of market prices of shares and also to stand in well in the matter of distribution.

**STOCK MARKET SURVEY.**

The week commenced with a cheerful tone in the Stock Exchange owing to the relief felt at the then pending breakdown of passive resistance in the Ruhr. Excessively, however, in some of the recent favourites, the public showed no sign of expanding its operations, and in places the tone became dull afterwards. Victoria, which had offered a conversion loan of £3,000,000 of 5 per cent. had it covered almost twice by applications, and this helped the gilt market. Funding Loan was marked ex-dividend, and the 5 per cent. War Loan will be so treated about the end of this month. In the meantime, no considerable reaction in the price is expected.

There were a good many buyers of Japanese securities, and confidence in them was strengthened by a belief that no big loan will be necessary, yet, at all events, for reconstruction purposes. The undertone of English Railway stocks was described as firm, but the market was not very active. Argentine Railway stocks made only a fair showing, but San Paulo jumped on the interim dividend of 4 per cent., tax free, compared with 2½ per cent. a year ago, which gave rise to expectations of a further rise in the price of the stock.

Tea shares kept moving upward, and Rubber-plantations descriptions acted similarly. Nitrate issues were quiet, but Tobacco shares remained active, and for the most part the market was good. Tin shares improving, while September profit statements and hopes of bumper December dividends, coupled with Johannesburg buying, caused Kaffirs to display strength. Brazilian shares extending its treatment plant, and the shares are thought likely to improve further.

**BREVITIES.**

Stoll Theatre.—The following interim dividends on Ordinary shares for the half-year to June 30, 1923, have been declared:—The Coliseum Syndicate, Ltd., at the rate of 25 per cent. per annum, less tax; Hackney and Shepherd's Bush Empire Palace, Ltd., at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, less tax; Leicester Palace Theatre, Ltd., at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, less tax; St. Augustine's Parade Hippodrome, Bristol, Ltd., at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, less tax. All these dividends are at the same rate as a year ago.

**ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

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## WEST END DEN OF THE PRIMROSE LEAGUE. CORRUPTION.

## BLACK MEN AND WHITE WOMEN'S HAUNT.

"This is one of the most disgraceful places in the West End... It is frequented by persons of notorious character, bullies, cocaine sniffers, and the worst class of black men."

So said Mr. Herbert Musket, for the Commissioner of Police, at Marlborough-st., where Edward James Felix, a negro, was summoned for selling intoxicating liquor at the British Colonial Club, Whitfield-st., W., at other than permitted hours, and Sam Minto, another coloured man, was summoned for consuming.

Mr. Musket, in asking that the club should be struck off the register, said it was a proprietary one run by Felix.

It was described how on Aug. 11, the police discovered dancing going on at the premises.

There were present eight coloured men, six white men, and 10 white women. The bar was open and various persons were in possession of intoxicating liquor. One man was drinking whisky and vermouth, Minto was drinking port, and one woman was drinking vermouth.

Felix was fined £50, with £10 costs, and the club was ordered to be struck off the register and not to be used for the purposes of a club for four months. Minto was fined £2.

## PANEL PATIENTS' OPERATIONS.

## M.P.'s Plan for Extension of Medical Benefits.

It was absolutely essential that the benefits of the Health Insurance Act should be extended, said Mr. W. J. Tout, M.P., at a meeting of the West Riding Insurance Committee at Wakefield.

Dealing with a specific case of hardship, Mr. Tout said a young woman of his acquaintance was suffering from an affection of the throat, and save her life an operation was urgently necessary. To have the operation successfully performed cost the family £200, and although the money was well spent, it was a price which few working-class people could afford to pay.

The benefits, he said, should be extended to provide for all operations. Panel patients should have every form of treatment that was necessary.

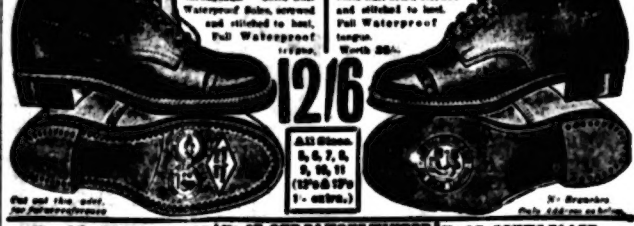
It was stated that at present only minor operations that a general practitioner can perform are included in the Act.

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## OUR VETERANS.

## READERS WHO HAVE NEVER MISSED ONE ISSUE IN 41 YEARS.

Letters continue to pour in from readers who have never missed one issue of "The People" since its debut in 1881.

Mr. Roland R. Cooper, Stanley-st., Tunbridge Wells, states that his mother sold a watch which was sold to "The People" over 40 years ago. The watch cost 15s. and has only been repaired three times.

A remarkable record of loyalty to his favourite paper is held by Mr. Henry Jones, of Eighteenth-ave., Longford, Leeds. Although he has resided in India and in various parts of England, he has never missed a copy of "The People."

Two other readers who have not missed one issue since 1881 are Mr. H. S. Hemson, of Surrey-lane, Battersea, S.W., and Mr. Montague Montague, of Waterloo-st., Here, Sussex.

Another stalwart is Mr. A. H. Butler, of Fitzjohn's-avenue, Hampstead, N.W.

He was serving in the Metropolitan Police when he purchased the first issue in 1881, and since that time he has missed out two numbers when he was away on holiday on one occasion.

How many other readers still use "The People" watch!

**AUTUMN EXCURSIONS.**

Autumn excursions for 8 or 15 days are announced by the G.W.R. and the L.N.E.R.

Every Thursday during October special trains will leave Paddington for the Channel Isles, and every Friday for the West of England, Wales, Thames Valley, the Midlands, and all parts of the G.W.R. system.

Excursions will also depart from King's Cross on Fridays for Scotland, and on Saturdays for the North Eastern Counties, etc. From Liverpool-street, cheap trips will be run on Fridays to East Anglia; and from Marylebone on Saturdays to the Midlands and the North.

For full particulars, apply to the G.W.R. or L.N.E.R. at any of their offices.

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This behaviour of Adolphus was very  
 very. It therefore pleases me.  
 I will please my parents.  
 How much pains must not parents take  
 before their children learn to walk!  
 My mother was a nurse fond and helpless.  
 My parents have brought me up till  
 now.  
 They have given me meat and drink.  
 To them I am indebted for the clothes  
 I wear.  
 They instruct me in useful learning.  
 I am a great expense to them.  
 What return can I make to them for  
 this?



## CARPENTIER AND BECKETT IN THE RING TO-MORROW.

### JOE'S LAST FIGHT FOR CHAMPIONSHIP OF EUROPE.

Georges Carpentier and Joe Beckett, the English heavy-weight champion, will meet at Olympia to-morrow evening, in a fight that will practically decide the European championship, though Descamps, the Frenchman's manager, will not admit that the title is at stake.

When these boxers met nearly four years ago Carpentier scored a dramatic victory in the first round, but Beckett is confident that the result was in the nature of a "fluke," and that he will reverse the verdict on this occasion.

The general feeling, however, is that Carpentier will again win.

MAY END IN SEVENTH ROUND.

Sir Herbert Barker, the famous manipulative surgeon, who recently attended to the injured hands of both Carpentier and Beckett, interviewed yesterday, said:

"The contest should provide one of the most thrilling struggles in the history of the ring. Both men have fully recovered from their injuries, both are in the pink of training and condition, and each is most thoroughly determined to vanquish his opponent. It is extremely difficult to make up one's mind which has the better chance of victory. I think the end will come about the seventh round."

Sir Herbert Barker will attend the fight in the company of Lord Wargrave and Sir Bruce Bruce-Forter.

#### THE COUNT OUT.

Ever since that December night when Joe Beckett was knocked out in the time by Georges Carpentier at the Holborn Stadium, the English champion has pleaded for another bout with the Frenchman.

At one time it appeared that Joe and Georges would never meet again, for the Frenchman was keen on entering the Dempsey circle, but a knock-out by the world's champion taught Georges to play with less dangerous play-mates in the pugilistic school.

Eventually the eyes of the "matinee idol" fell once more upon the Southampton man, and the outcome of it all is that Beckett and Carpentier are meeting in a return bout of 30 rounds at Olympia to-morrow night.

A record attendance will pack the vast hall, and the promoter, Major Wilson, is deserving of all praise for the style in which he has seen the matter through.

In training for the contest Carpentier has worked very hard, and if he does not possess the pace of old, he still can show a speed over so much faster than Joe's.

Beckett did not show up any too well in his Southampton gymnasium last week, and I refuse to believe that he was leaving his chin open in order to toughen it to the shock.

Certainly, there were many weak spots in Beckett's defence, but, then again, Carpentier was not perfect in his spar with Geo. Cook.

Neither was Georges a "dominating personality" when last time out he fought Marcel Nilles. Georges had some trouble in beating his fellow countryman, and yet this same Nilles, in Rome on Sunday last, was stopped in the first round by an Italian unknown. Take heart, Joe.

I am sorry to hear that Beckett is saying farewell to the ring after to-morrow. Joe is puffed because he thinks that all the world is against him, so to speak. In truth, I do not like to hear of this farewell announcement on the eve of the big fight.

To me it heralds the cry of a man who has lost all interest in the "noble art."

Had the announcement followed a terrific beating in the ring, I would not be surprised at our champion's

decision. Joe isn't beaten yet, but I am afraid that the "dominating personality" of the Frenchman will again tell, as it did at the Holborn Stadium.

Carpentier, I believe, will win very early on.

Although he has never given any promise of obtaining world's championship honours, Beckett has never shown anything of the foul-fighting game. I have never seen him use a deliberate "butt" and I have never seen him aim intentionally low.

After all, there is something in being a clean fighter, but apparently it doesn't count when popularity is at stake.

But Joe believes he is in for a good time at Olympia, and Georges is determined to make it a "bonne nuit" for Joe.

Evidently both fighters have been glancing through Emerson, who, although a genius in his own line of business, knew as much as Bernard Shaw of the glove-slugging game. Shaw said it was 10 to 1 on Carp. beating Dempsey.

Now, Emerson could not have done worse than that. It is certain that he was not a strict follower of the ring, for one cannot imagine Ralph Waldo penning a write-up of the Beckett-Carpentier bout and finishing on the top note with "They can conquer who believe they can."

Why, Beckett is so full of the conquering spirit that he believes he will have Georges used up half-way through the fight and that the swallows will be returning by the time the Frenchman's head is cleared.

The spirit has also moved Carp., who believes that Joe will not have to wait until next spring, because our champion will hear the "cuckoo calling" at Olympia to-morrow night.

Possibly Carpentier has it in his mind that he is using Joe as a stepping-stone for another visit to the States.

Y or N message. Carpentier is in communication with Tex Rickard for a bout with Tom Gibbons at Madison-sq. Gardens.

If Gibbons agrees to the match it will be evidence that he has given up hope of a return bout with Dempsey.

I think that the New York "fans" have tumbled to that 15-round bout at Shelby, and probably Gibbons thinks so, too.

Somewhat I fancy that Gibbons will not object to Carpentier, for I recall how anxious he was to meet the Frenchman some time ago. In fact, Gibbons posted a big amount for the match, and in order to show that all was square and above board he sent me a photographic copy of the cheque. My luck—a photographic copy.

THE SUPPORTING ITEMS.

In reference to the supporting items at Olympia to-morrow night, Seaman Hall is in splendid shape for his return with Paul Fritsch. Hall outpointed the Dutch writer, Van't Hof, by a big margin at the Ring on Monday, and in doing so gave a clever display of time and distance.

Albert Lloyd's 10 rounds with the champion wrestler, Robert Roth, should test the strength of the ring, especially if the big fellow should fall, but for goodness sake don't talk of matching the winner with Dempsey.

What should have provided the main support was the contest between Jack Bloomfield and Frank Goddard, but this has been called "off" owing to Bloomfield's breakdown in training.

The boxing will commence at 8 o'clock, and Beckett and Carpentier will enter the ring about 9.30. Mr. Joe Palmer will referee the chief event.

#### "YES"; CERTAINLY!

### NEW CHARLOT REVE AT THE VAUDEVILLE.

Nine authors and composers have had a hand in "Yes," the new Charlot revue, produced at the Vaudeville yesterday.

Its twenty-four sketches are attractive, and commendably brisk and brief. Nora Blaney and Gwen Farrar are the two principal ladies. They fulfil their task delightfully.

A. W. Bescomb and Herbert Mundin have plenty of excellent work, and they do it with spirit and infinite jest. "Yes" will brighten many an evening for a long time to come.

#### DANGER TO COMMUNITY.

### Hard Labour for Pugnacious Man Who Kicked Invalid.

Sentenced at Luton yesterday to two months' hard labour for lashing, and two months for assaulting a man, John Ashford (38), who claimed to be a ship's fireman, was described to be a danger to the community.

He tried, it was alleged, to pick a quarrel in an unprovoked street at night with an invalid man just home from a London hospital and kicked him, and caused both the man and his wife to require medical attention for nerves.

## "DRY" FIGHT OVER THE BORDER.

### 250 LOCAL POLLS DEMANDED.

The period allowed in Scotland for lodging requisitions demanding a poll under the Temperance Act expired yesterday.

Returns show that at least 250 polls will be necessary.

In Glasgow alone there are 37 areas, but in these no poll can take place. The competing parties have demanded a poll in all the remaining 34 divisions.

Already two of these are "dry" and several are under limitation. The polling in Glasgow takes place on Dec. 4.

## TRIED SUICIDE BY T.O.T.

### FEAR OF PROSECUTION DRIVES MAN MAD.

Not until the Hammersmith coroner had set three times as it discovered why Frank Frank (68), shop assistant, of Russell-st., Paddington, committed suicide.

motive for his suicidal mania could be discovered until "an afterthought" on the part of the coroner set going certain inquiries.

Frank first dropped in front of a "bus" and was taken from under the radiator. Ten minutes later he was taken from under another "bus."

Within a short time he was picked up from the tram lines in Harrow-road, just as the guard of the tram struck his head.

Frank was next seen at Notting Hill Gate station. As a train ran in he plunged in front of the train and was killed.

At the third sitting evidence was given by Mr. John Charity, shop inspector to Messrs. Waitrose, Ltd., provision dealer.

He said that Frank had been accused of stealing the firm's goods, and when the manager of the shop called for Frank he bolted into the street and was not seen again.

The coroner said that Frank committed suicide when in fear of criminal proceedings, being of unsound mind at the time.

## MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

### BIG CROWD CHEERS HIM "OFF THE PREMISES."

Mr. Lloyd George had a cordial send-off yesterday when, accompanied by Dame Margaret and Miss Megan Lloyd George, he left for his tour in Canada and America.

A large crowd gathered at Waterloo to give Mr. Lloyd George a farewell cheer. "I very much appreciate this act of kindness and good will on your part in seeing me off the premises," he said, amid loud laughter, and then added characteristically, "Look after the Old Country."

ACROSS THE FORTH.

### Swimmer Gives Up Half-way, but Faces Carries on.

After weeks of preparation, William Annal, of Edinburgh Roseberry Swimming Club, attempted to swim across the Firth of Forth yesterday from Burntisland to Leith, a distance of nine miles, but after a plucky swim abandoned the attempt, halfway across, owing to the cold temperature of the water.

There was a surprising sequel, however. W. E. Barnie, Portobello swimmer, who paced Annal, successfully completing the distance and landing at Leith Pier amid cheers and congratulations of a huge crowd of spectators.

Details of Problem Solving Tournaments for Chess and Draughts will be found in page 10. The competitions will begin in next Sunday's issue and readers are invited to compete for a large number of prizes.

"O's" FORT.

### New G.W.R. Dock at Fowey for China Clay Export.

Cheapest port in England! To-morrow this distinction will be claimed by Fowey, Cornwall.

This is the result of a concession announced by the Great Western Railway Company to mark the opening of the new jetty which they have constructed at a cost of £250,000, to handle the export of china clay. Seven-eighths of the total amount exported from this country goes through Fowey. Rates will be reduced from 12s to 10s per cent. above pre-war rates.

The Harbour Commissioners, of whom Sir Arthur Quiller Couch ("Q.") the well-known novelist is chairman, have undertaken a progressive policy, including extensive dredging, and the building of a lighthouse.

MUNICIPAL WORKERS' PROTEST.

Move to Resist Wage Cut Proposal in London.

Organised by the National Federation of General Workers on behalf of London Municipal Workers, who have threatened strike action in resistance of a proposed reduction of wages, a procession of 2,000 workers assembled on the Victoria Embankment yesterday afternoon.

A mass meeting at Memorial Hall, E.C., took place later, at which a resolution, protesting against the refusal of the employers' side of the Joint Industrial Council for London to discuss the Municipal Workers' charter, was passed unanimously.

The resolution also requested the executive of the National Federation of General Workers to take such action as may be necessary to compel the Industrial Council to give full consideration to the matter, with a view to the claim set out in the charter being made the minimum wage and conditions for the whole of London's municipal workers.

A minimum wage of 4s. 6s. and a 47-hour week is demanded.

FINED FOR BAGGING COWS.

Dealer Says Cruel Practice is General.

For "overstocking" cows, and preventing calves from suckling, Alfred Lake, dealer, was fined £10 at Norwich yesterday.

"Overstocking" is the practice of allowing milk to accumulate in the udders of cows for the purpose of raising their price as milkers.

It was stated that five cows going to Norwich market were in pain because they were not milked. Their calves, which were muzzled, were in a weak state. It was an act of cruelty.

Defendant said it was no good showing cows unless they had a big bag. He could not sell them if the calves were sucking. It was a general practice to muzzle the calves, so that the buyers could form a proper idea of the milking capacity of the cows.

## SKELETON OF LONG VALLEY.

### DRUMMER BOUND IN TENT ROPES.

#### TORN PAPER CLUE.

### ABOUT TO MARRY.

How did Drummer Ellis, of the 1st Leicestershire Regiment, come by his death? And who hid the body beneath thick blackberry bushes, last April, in the Long Valley—a valley of tragedy and death—at Aldershot?

At the opening of the inquest very little evidence was taken. The body was definitely identified as that of Ellis, and the inquiry was adjourned for a fortnight.

Dr. J. Hutchinson Gibson, police-surgeon at Aldershot, concluded his examination of the remains yesterday afternoon.

Ellis joined as a drummer boy, in Hull, in 1918. He was then fifteen. Since April last he has been missing.

He had been keeping company with Miss Ivy Wainfer, of Hull. Miss Wainfer, who is terribly upset, said she was looking forward to their marriage.

A few days ago Mr. Williams, an unemployed baker, was gathering blackberries at a lonely spot in the Long Valley.

Leaning forward to reach some fruit, his foot struck what proved to be the skeleton of the body of the young soldier, dressed in khaki.

When the body was brought out it was seen that the lad's ankles had been tied together with tent ropes. A khaki overcoat had been strapped round his head with a leather belt.

Close to the skull was a tightly folded handkerchief that might once have served as a gag when Ellis met death.

Just before Ellis disappeared he wrote to his parents at Hull, saying he had been very lucky and had won some money. He was never heard of again.

Who is he? DROWNED MYSTERY MAN STILL UNIDENTIFIED.

Who is the mystery who was drowned under dramatic circumstances off the West Pier, Brighton?

Up to a late hour last night the man was still unidentified. The inquest has been adjourned to see if his identity can be established, and also to see if the witness can be produced who saw him enter the water.

Near the spot where he was last seen was found a glass containing port wine, and a woman is reported to have seen him drink from a glass before entering the water.

The man carried in his pocket a loaded pistol.

NEWS KEPT FROM MOTHER.

His father, who lives at Alpha-avenue, Nornhall-street, Hull, was deeply affected when official news of his son's death reached him.

Ellis's mother lies dangerously ill at home. Her husband dared not tell her a word of the tragedy.

At the opening of the inquest, Sgt. drummer Ormes, of the 1st Leicestershire Regiment, identified the body as that of Drummer James Ellis.

He recognised Ellis by two projecting teeth in the upper jaws and by spaces filled with dental plates.

Fragments of paper, found in the uniform of the body, were produced. Ormes stated that figures on the papers were evidently notes of money lent by Ellis to other drummers.

Other pieces of paper found in the dead youth's clothes and on the ground near the body were fitted together, and were found to be an account from Messrs. George Potter, musical instrument makers, of Aldershot, made out to "Sergeant Holmes."

Sergeant Ormes, recalled, said the account referred to wire anarcs, which were strapped at the bottom of a side-drum to give it tone.

He supposed that the Sergeant Holmes to whom the account was made out referred to himself, but, he added, "I know nothing about the wire anarcs, since I always buy catgut snarcs myself. Our drummers were not in the habit of going to Messrs. Potter for accessories and putting them down to me. I have sent myself to Pottery for several things, but they were always put down to the Band President."

Ellis had spent some time in the Army in Germany.

It is expected that the funeral will be private. The men of the Leicestershire Regiment only returned from manoeuvres yesterday.

SERVANTS' TESTIMONIAL.

### Unusual Charge Against Registry Office Keeper.

Stating that it was the first of the kind in their experience, and very serious, Lincoln magistrates fined Annie Esherger, registry office keeper, £10 for false representation.

It was said that Esherger told a mistress that a servant had been employed by her four years, instead of four months, and was 24, instead of 18.

It had been ascertained the intention was to get the girl a trip to London.

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## VALET'S SOCIETY BRIDE.

### MARRIES DAUGHTER OF FORMER EMPLOYER.

A wedding which had been kept a secret from the public is reported at Newport between Carol, daughter of Brigadier-General C. A. Wilding, C.M.G., of Penbryn Hall, Montgomery, and Reginald Davies, son of a Newport docks-worker, who was employed as valet by the Brigadier four months ago.

Consent to the match was obtained, and the couple return from a honeymoon in the Lake District to live at Penbryn Hall on Tuesday.

## HOME OFFICE DILEMMA.

### EVICTED OF EX-WARDERS OPPOSED BY COUNCIL.

An amusing turn has been given to the efforts of the Home Office to dispossess the ex-warders of Wormwood Scrubs Gaol who ought, as a result of their dismissal at the time of the police strike, to leave their cottages by to-morrow.

Apparently, the Hammersmith Borough Council itself is the landlord of these cottages, and can give three months' notice to quit. The Council, in view of the housing shortage, is unanimously resolved that these 18 adults and 22 children shall not be thrown into the street, and has informed the Home Office that if the latter appeals to the Courts for a notice of ejection, the Council will oppose and take what delaying action it can.

The houses are, moreover, all condemned by the borough medical officer, but the Council has told the Home Office that if the Ministry of Health will pay the subsidy they will take over the buildings and put them in temporary residential order.

Hence the Home Office is cornered. It says it wants to get the balance of the ex-warders out to put in their successors.

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